

Martinsburg Chlorine Hotwash

Currently under legal action

Unified Command

Evacuations occurred within ½ mile of the incident

(Martinsburg Fire & Martinsburg PD did evacuations)

Had issues with cloud moving and needing to relocate people that had been moved to shelters

Hazmat Response

- Called Chemtrec who gave advice that if you can smell it, the concentration is too high
- New AreaRAEs had come in (4), colorimetric tubes were expired
- They tried to do some research to see if there was anything they could do to mitigate the situation, but there was not initially, so they focused on plume movement
- Spoke with Washington Co Hazmat Unit – gave Chlorine detection paper & plume model
 - Drove the perimeter of the evacuation area with the paper to see what the air situation was – no reaction
 - Made it to the facility – had major reactions at the facility with the paper & returned to EOC
- AreaRAEs – having trouble getting data back from units due to issues with line of sight, eventually got three of them communicating
- Neutralization crew arrived onsite around 3pm
- EPA did some perimeter monitoring onsite ** SEND DATA TO EMA**